

### ...City Hall Plans

Continued from Page 1) City Hall to tie in with the proposed structure. The council authorized Earl Heitschmidt and Associates to prepare full working drawings for the addition so that construction contracts can be let soon.

**THE USE** of Torrance school grounds for public recreational purposes was approved by the council last night. The agreement between the Torrance Unified School District and the city's Recreation Department will make school playgrounds available to the community for specified activities.

The district also agreed to allow the Recreation Department to use selected school buildings for community recreation, subject to the approval of the superintendent of schools.

In return, the city promised to allow the school district to schedule certain school events and programs at city playgrounds. The facilities are to be selected by the superintendent of school subject to the approval of the director of recreation.

**IN FURTHER** action, councilmen voted to sublease Edison-Lomita Substation

property at 235th and Elm streets to four Torrance Little League baseball clubs. The city leases the Edison property for recreational purposes.

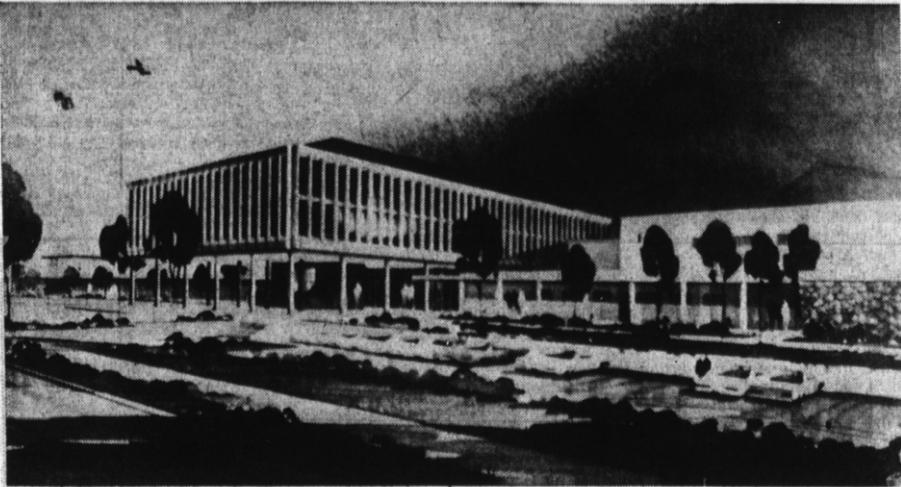
The council also voted to appropriate \$5,000 for materials and supplies for the installation of a water system on the substation property. Little League, in turn, has promised to supply labor and equipment for the installation.

The city will keep all salvage rights to the material and permission to use the park for other activities during Little League's off season.

**LAST NIGHT'S** council meeting also resulted in: Council approval of plans to hire librarians and clerks for the first four proposed city libraries;

A council request for a police investigation of growing menace of juvenile squirtgun pranksters;

Referral to the city manager's office of a homeowner's petition to place a cement block wall around the Elm Street water storage lot. Petitioners say the wall would improve the looks of the neighborhood and help cut down machinery noises.



**MILLION DOLLAR ADDITION . . .** Architectural firm of Earl Heitschmidt and Associates has won City Council approval for this preliminary rendering of the proposed addition to Torrance City Hall. The three-story structure will rise between the existing City Hall and Police Station, connecting the two buildings. The first floor will house a City

Council Chamber while the second story will provide additional space for general city functions. Top floor will accommodate the offices of the city attorney and city manager. The building, slated to cost \$1,035,000, will be financed through the general city fund and a lease-back plan.

### Police Chief, Seven Officers Cited Here

Police Chief Walter R. Koenig and seven officers were cited by the Torrance Lions Club Tuesday for outstanding community service, a citation which carried with it the accolades of the club and its members for each member of the police department. Introduced by Club President Tom Burchfield in addition to Chief Koenig were Sgt.

Gerald Snyder, Officers James Laven, Donald Feil, Charles Bloom, Wallace Murker, and Clayne Virgin. Also cited was 19-year-old Robert Kammerer, currently serving in the Police Cadet program and studying police science at El Camino College.

Except for Chief Koenig and Sergeant Snyder, those receiving the public plaudits

Tuesday were not commanded but included a motor officer, patrolman, range-master, and other line officers.

The Torrance Police Department was praised as one of the finest of its size in the nation, a praise which was echoed by Municipal Judge Raymond Choate who was principal speaker at the

awards luncheon. Judge Choate, who served here as defense attorney on many cases before his appointment to the bench in 1964, said Torrance officers were among the finest he had known both as an attorney and judge. An engraved plaque was accepted by Chief Koenig from President Burchfield.



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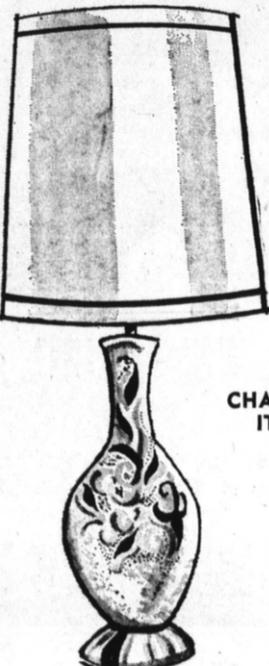
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